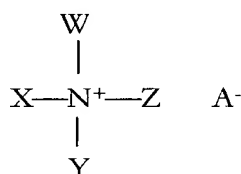


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently amended). A method to improve skin firmness comprising topically applying to affected skin areas a composition comprising:

(a) an effective amount of at least two acid salts formed by reacting a compound selected from the group consisting of monomethylaminoethanol, dimethylaminoethanolamine, trimethylaminoethanol, isopropanolamine, triethanolamine, isopropanoldimethylamine, isopropanoldimethylamine, ethylethanolamine, 2-butanamine, choline and serine with a mixture of [a compound of the formula:



wherein W, X, Y and Z are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₃ alkyl group, C₂-C₄ alkanol group, wherein at least one of X, Y or Z is a C₂-C₄ alkanol group bearing at least one hydroxyl group and optionally at least one carboxyl group, and wherein A is a mixture of anionic counterions derived from] at least two pharmaceutically acceptable acids [and esters thereof]; and

(b) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

Claim 2 (Original). A method according to claim 1, wherein said composition is applied to the face.

Claim 3 (Original). A method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said acids is an alpha hydroxy acid.

Claim 4 (Original). A method according to claim 1, wherein said acids are selected from glycolic acid, citric acid, malic acid, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended). A method according to claim 1, wherein said at least two acid salts [anionic counterion is] are derived from a mixture of glycolic acid and citric acid.

Claim 6 (Original). A method according to claim 5, wherein the ratio of citric acid to glycolic acid ranges from about 1:1 to about 1:5.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended). A method according to claim 1, wherein said at least two acid salts [anionic counterion is] are derived from a mixture of glycolic acid and malic acid.

Claim 8 (Original). A method according to claim 7, wherein the ratio of malic acid to glycolic acid ranges from about 1:1 to about 1:5.

Claim 9 (Original). A method according to claim 1, wherein the pH of said composition ranges from about 4.5 to about 8.5.

Claim 10 (Currently canceled). ~~A method according to claim 1, wherein said compound is an acid salt of monomethylaminoethanol, dimethylaminoethanolamine, trimethylaminoethanol, isopropanolamine, triethanolamine, isopropanoldimethylamine, isopropanoldimethylamine, ethylethanolamine, 2-butanamine, choline and serine.~~

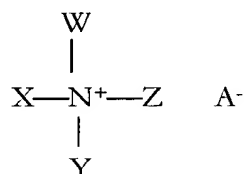
Claim 11 (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said compound is present at from about 0.1 to about 10 % by weight.

Claim 12 (Original). A method according to claim 1, wherein said composition is incorporated into material carrier selected from a dry wipe, a wet wipe, a puff, a hydro-gel matrix, an adhesive patch, or a non-adhesive patch.

Claim 13 (Currently amended). A method to improve the appearance of facial contours comprising topically applying to [affected] skin areas affected by changes in the appearance of facial contours a composition comprising:

(a) an effective amount of at least two acid salts formed by reacting a compound selected from the group consisting of monomethylaminoethanol, dimethylaminoethanolamine,

trimethylaminoethanol, isopropanolamine, triethanolamine, isopropanoldimethylamine, isopropanoldimethylamine, ethylethanolamine, 2-butanolamine, choline and serine with a mixture of [a compound of the formula:



wherein W, X, Y and Z are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₃ alkyl group, C₂-C₄ alkanol group, wherein at least one of X, Y or Z is a C₂-C₄ alkanol group bearing at least one hydroxyl group and optionally at least one carboxyl group, and wherein A is a mixture of anionic counterions derived from] at least two pharmaceutically acceptable acids [and esters thereof]; and
(b) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

Claim 14 (Original). A method according to claim 13, wherein at least one of said acids is an alpha hydroxy acid.

Claim 15 (Original). A method according to claim 13, wherein said acids are selected from glycolic acid, citric acid, malic acid, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended). A method according to claim 13, wherein said at least two acid salts [anionic counterion is] are derived from a mixture of glycolic acid and citric acid.

Claim 17 (Original). A method according to claim 16, wherein the ratio of citric acid to glycolic acid ranges from about 1:1 to about 1:5.

Claim 18 (Currently amended). A method according to claim 13, wherein said at least two acid salts [anionic counterion is] are derived from a mixture of glycolic acid and malic acid.

Claim 19 (Original). A method according to claim 18, wherein the ratio of malic acid to glycolic acid ranges from about 1:1 to about 1:5.

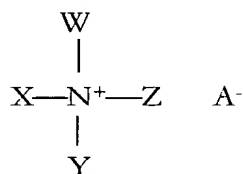
Claim 20 (Original). A method according to claim 19, wherein the pH of said composition ranges from about 5.5 to about 7.5.

Claim 21 (Currently canceled). ~~A method according to claim 13, wherein said compound is an acid salt of monomethylaminoethanol, dimethylaminoethanolamine, trimethylaminoethanol, isopropanolamine, triethanolamine, isopropanoldimethylamine, isopropanoldimethylamine, ethylethanolamine, 2-butanolamine, choline and serine.~~

Claim 22 (Original). A method according to claim 13, wherein said compound is present at from about 0.1 to about 10 % by weight.

Claim 23 (Currently amended). A method for reducing the appearance of sagging skin comprising topically applying to [affected] sagging skin areas a composition comprising:

(a) an effective amount of at least two acid salts formed by reacting a compound selected from the group consisting of monomethylaminoethanol, dimethylaminoethanolamine, trimethylaminoethanol, isopropanolamine, triethanolamine, isopropanoldimethylamine, isopropanoldimethylamine, ethylethanolamine, 2-butanolamine, choline and serine with a mixture of [a compound of the formula:



wherein W, X, Y and Z are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₃ alkyl group, C₂-C₄ alkanol group, wherein at least one of X, Y or Z is a C₂-C₄ alkanol group bearing at least one hydroxyl group and optionally at least one carboxyl group, and wherein A is a mixture of anionic counterions derived from] at least two pharmaceutically acceptable acids [and esters thereof]; and a cosmetically acceptable carrier.